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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEB 27

1. SUMMARY - THE SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE CPSU PARTY CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION. ITS SCANTY COVERAGE OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD HIGHLIGHTS:

-- IN PRAVDA AND OTHER CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS, A TASS ITEM REPORTS THE KENNEDY/HUMPHREY/JAVITS SALT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CRUISE MISSILE MORATORIUM--THOUGH NOT THE PROPOSAL THAT THE MORATORIUM SHOULD EXTEND TO THE SOVIET UNION NOR THAT IT CALLS FOR A U.S.--SOVIET AGREEMENT BANNING CRUISE MISSILES;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT A "WELL-KNOWN" WEST GERMAN PUBLICIST AND LAWYER HAS DECIDED THAT THE MUNICH RADIOS ARE ILLEGAL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SRI LANKA "WELCOMES" BREZHNEV'S CALL ON THE U.S. NOT TO BUILD MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN;

-- ALL OF THE CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS THAT FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WELCOMES BREZHNEV'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SOVIET-FRG RELATIONS;

-- AND PRAVDA CARRIES A MAN-BITES-DOG STORY.

2. U.S. PRAVDA AND OTHER CENTRAL PRESS NEWSPAPERS IN A TASS ITEM REPORT ON INTRODUCTION OF KENNEDY/HUMPHREY/JAVITS RESOLUTION ON SALT. PRAVDA SAYS RESOLUTION NOTES NECESSITY OF "URGENT COMPLETION" OF NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT, AND CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT TO "EXERT EFFORTS TOWARD IMMEDIATE INTRODUCTION OF A MORATORIUM ON TEST FLIGHTS OF ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRATEGIC CRUISE MISSILES." PRAVDA ALSO SAYS RESOLUTION CALLS FOR COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR AFTER COMPLETION OF SALT 11. PRAVDA SAYS SENATOR KENNEDY "WARNED THAT TESTS OF CRUISE MISSILES NOW BEING BEGUN IN THE USA, WHICH THE PENTAGON PLANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DEPLOY (POSTAVIT' NA VOORUZHENIE), COULD PREVENT A SALT 11 AGREEMENT. COMMENT. THE ARTICLE GIVES NO INDICATION THAT THE RESOLUTION STIPULATES

MORATORIUM ON CRUISE MISSILE TEST FLIGHTS SHOULD EXTEND TO THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL. END COMMENT.

3. MUNICH RADIOS. PRAVDA REPORTS FROM VIENNA THAT "WELL-KNOWN WEST GERMAN PUBLICIST" EMIL HOFFMANN HAS SENT TO EMBASSIES OF CSCE SIGNATORIES IN THAT CITY A LETTER ON "THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF RADIO STATIONS FREE EUROPE AND FREEDOM." HOFFMAN SAYS THAT THE "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY" OF THESE STATIONS "CONTRADICTS A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL STATES--NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES." BULGARIAN LEADER ZHIVKOV ALSO TOOK A SWIPE AT THE RADIOS IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CPSU PARTY CONGRESS FEB 26.

4. INDIAN OCEAN. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA WELCOMES THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH, AS DESCRIBED BY BREZHNEV IN HIS PARTY CONGRESS SPEECH, IS THAT "THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER HAD AND DOES NOT NOW HAVE INTENTIONS TO BUILD MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND CALLS ON THE USA TO TAKE THAT SAME POSITION." PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE SRI LANKA OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, L. JAYAKODDY, ANNOUNCED " WE TREAT THIS STATEMENT VERY SERIOUSLY...WE CONSIDER THAT IT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE TAKING OF STILL ANOTHE STEP TOWARD TURNING THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE."

5. FRG. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT AT LENGTH SCHMIDT'S DISCUSSION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE OF BREZHNEV'S REMAKRS ON THE FRG IN HIS PARTY CONGRESS SPEECH. THE THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT SCHMIDT WELCOMES BREZHNEV'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SOVIET-FRG RELATIONS AND SOVIET INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE DETENTE. ARTICLE NOTES THAT SCHMIDT SAID THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRG IS ATTEMPTING TO DO ITS PART IN BROADENING AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST, AND SAYS THAT "PART OF THIS EFFORT IS OUR AGREEMENT WITH POLAND, WHICH SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY THE BUNDESRAT ON MARCH 12." SCHMIDT IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT PROBLEMS EXIST IN FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT THAT THE FRG "TREATS THEM CALMLY, WITHOUT A SENSE OR URGENCY. AND WE SEE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS ALSO MAINTAINING A CALM ATTITUDE." SCHMIDT, SAYS PRAVDA, ALSO WELCOMED CONTACTS BETWEEN CEMA AND THE EC AS "JOYFUL NEWS."

6. ANGOLA. IN THE MAN-BITES-DOG STORY OF THE DAY, PRAVDA REPORTS THAT ANGOLA HAS RECOGNIZED SPAIN.

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